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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Douglas R. McPherson

Application No.: 10/579,004

Our File: AJE-2.209.1US

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Confirmation No.: 4510

For: SHAPED SLOT VACUUM
DEWATERING BOX COVER

Group: 1791

Examiner: Eric J. Hug

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2008,
and is being submitted with an appropriate request for extension of time.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as noted in detail
below.